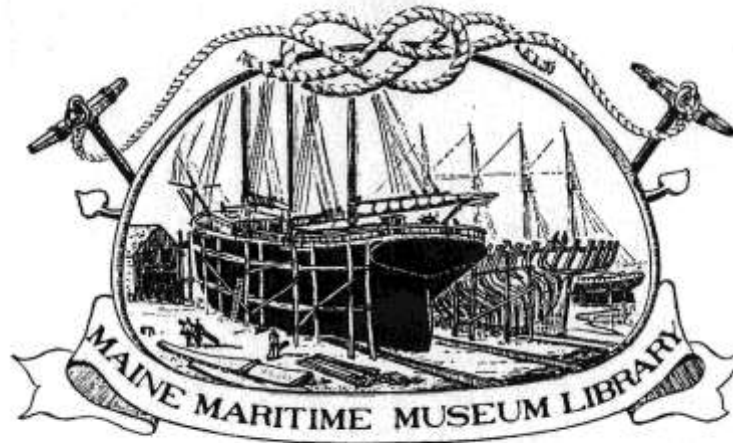


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ABSTRACT

George W. Hunter & Company

Records, 1870-1878

Bulk dates: 1876

1 box (.5 shelf feet)

Shipping Agents and Commission Merchants of Boston, MA.

Incoming correspondence of the firm of George W. Hunter & Co. from 1870 to 1878. Letters includes correspondences to George Hunter from shipping agents, freight brokers, vessel owners, and captains.

Bequeathed by Capt. W. J. Lewis Parker in 2006.

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Finding aid in repository; folder level control.

Added entries—persons:

Hunter, George W.

Woodmen, Nathaniel T., *Captain*

Added entries—corporate bodies (including vessels)

George S. Hunter & Company

Minnie Hunter (Bark)

Added entries—key terms:

Freight and freightage

Ship—Owners

Shipping

Ship Captains

Ship brokers.

Ships

ACQUISITION

The George W. Hunter & Company Records were bequeathed to Maine Maritime Museum from the estate of Capt. William J. L. Parker in November and December 2006.

PROVENANCE

There is no documentation in Capt. Parker's papers that would indicate how or where he may have acquired these papers.

RESTRICTIONS

There are no restrictions on the study or use of these materials.

PHYSICAL CONDITION

Other than the usual surface dirt and minor tears, the correspondence in this collection is in good condition.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

George W. Hunter was a shipping agent and commission merchant of Boston, Massachusetts. Hunter was originally born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada and moved to Boston as an adult around 1855. The Boston Directory for that year shows that Hunter and Thomas W. Johnson were doing business at 6 Commercial Wharf as commission merchants under the name of Thomas L. De Wolf and Company. By 1860, the De Wolf name had been dropped, with their interests handled by the firm of Johnson, Hunter and Company at 5 Commercial Wharf. Five years later, the office was moved to 1 Commercial Wharf, where the successor firms of Hunter, Ryder and Crawley (1869) and George W. Hunter & Co. (1870-1875?) later conducted business. When the 1869 partnership broke up, Benjamin Crawley, possibly from Nova Scotia, opened his own office in Philadelphia. Hunter's last partner was George Lovitt, who may have been connected with the Lovitts of Yarmouth.

*(Source: Memorial University of Newfoundland , Maritime History Archive
<http://www.mun.ca/mha/holdings/findingaids/newengland.php>)*

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES

This collection include incoming business correspondences of the firm of George W. Hunter & Co., Shipping Agent and Commission Merchant of Boston, Massachusetts, from 1870 to 1878. Letters includes correspondences between George Hunter and shipping agents, freight brokers, vessel owners, and captains. The majority of captains' letters are from Nathaniel T. Woodman, master of the Bark *Minnie Hunter* that George W. Hunter & Co. owned. Much of the business was done with ship owners and brokers from the Canadian province of Quebec and Nova Scotia, the New England area, North and Mid-Atlantic coast, New York City and Liverpool, England.

PROCESSING NOTES

I chose to organize the correspondence chronologically within specific groups of correspondents. There are five groups:

- Series IA: Business Correspondences — General
- Series IB: Business Correspondences — Ship Brokers/Commission Merchants
- Series IC: Business Correspondences — Freight Brokers/Forwarding agents
- Series ID: Business Correspondences — Ship Owners
- Series IE: Business Correspondences — Ship Captains

Various vessel and master names are mentioned throughout the collection. To assist the researcher, I have created a cross-reference index of these names with box and folder locations for easy access. I have also created an index of correspondent names. Some of the handwriting is difficult to decipher so I can not guarantee the accuracy of these names

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Series IA. Business Correspondences

BOX FOLDER

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Incoming 1870 |
| | 2 | Incoming 1873-75 |
| | 3 | Incoming 1876 |
| | 4 | Incoming 1878 |

Series IB. Business Correspondences:

Ship Agents/Brokers & Commission Merchants

- | | |
|----|---|
| 5 | C. A. De Wolf & Co. 1876 |
| 6 | Charles H. Chase & Co. 1876 |
| 7 | D. R. De Wolf & Co. 1876 |
| 8 | Hall & Vaughan 1876 |
| 9 | James R. De Wolf 1876 |
| 10 | John C. Seager, 1874-75 |
| 11 | W. F. Hagar & Co. 1876 |
| 12 | William B. Hatch Co. 1876 |
| 13 | Various ship agents and commission merchants, 1875-76 |

Series IC. Business Correspondences:

Freight Brokers/Forwarding Agents

- | | |
|----|--|
| 14 | Eagle & Blakslee: 1870, Blakslee & Caldwell: 1876 (successor to E & B) |
| 15 | Various freight, shipping or forwarding agents |

Series ID. Business Correspondences:

Ship Owners

- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 16 | Carver & Barnes 1875 |
| 17 | Chipman, Z. 1876 |
| 18 | Churchill, N. 1876 |
| 19 | Wm. Thomson & Co. 1876 |

Series IE. Business Correspondences:

Captains

- | | |
|----|---|
| 20 | Butler, Capt J. K. 1870 (Brig <i>Daisy</i>) |
| 21 | Fulton, Capt. Allen 1870 (Bark <i>Annie McNairn</i>) |
| 22 | Miller, Capt. W. 1876 |
| 23 | Raymond, Capt. James F. 1876 |
| 24 | Woodman, Capt. Nathaniel T. 1874 (Bark <i>Minnie Hunter</i>) |
| 25 | 1875 |
| 26 | 1876 |
| 27 | 1877 |
| 28 | 1878 |

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APPENDIX A
Index of Vessel Names

| Name of Vessel | Box # / Folder # |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Argo (Bark) | 1/1 |
| A. [Asa] Porter (Brigantine) | 1/3 |
| Aldophus | 1/8; 1/14 |
| Annie Bingay (Ship) | 1/11 |
| Annie McNairn (Bark) | 1/21 |
| Atlas (Ship) | 1/3 |
| Batavia (Steamer) | 1/9 |
| Belle of the Bay (Brig) | 1/10 |
| C. Vanderbilt (tug boat) | 1/2 |
| Clyde | 1/6 |
| Colorado | 1/11; 1/14 |
| Daisy (Brig) | 1/20 |
| Dominion (Steamer) | 1/2 |
| Duc de Saxe (Belgium ship) | 1/11 |
| E. H. Duval (Ship) | 1/11 |
| Edgar | 1/11; 1/14 |
| Emma Paysant (Bark) | 1/11 |
| Eugene | 1/15 |
| Eunice | 1/1 |
| Georgia (Bark) | 1/1 |
| George (Ship) | 1/11 |
| Gladiator | 1/3 |
| H. C. Sibley (Bark) | 1/10 |
| Harry Stewart (Half-Brig) | 1/10 |
| Hattie Goudey (Bark) | 1/11 |
| Hattie Pettis (Brig) | 1/7 |
| Hecla (Bark) | 1/9 |
| Iberian | 1/9 |
| J. F. Smith (Bark) | 1/3 |
| Malaga (Half-Brig) | 1/3 |
| Marathon (Cunard Steamer) | 1/9 |
| [Marian] King (Bark) | 1/9 |
| Massachusetts (Ship) | 1/15 |
| Minnie Hunter (Bark) | 1/2; 1/10; 1/12; 1/13; 1/24-28 |
| Monumental City | 1/3 |
| Northern Star (Half-Brig) | 1/3 |
| Obago (Ship) | 1/11 |
| Paroma (Steamer) | 1/15 |
| Samaria | 1/9 |
| Sarah | 1/8; 1/10; 1/11; 1/14 |
| Sophia Cook (Brig) | 1/2; 1/3; 1/7 |
| W. J. Hatfield (Ship) | 1/11 |
| Zephyr | 1/15 |

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APPENDIX B
Index of Captains

| Name of Captain | Box # / Folder # |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bulmer, Capt. George B. | 1/3 |
| Burker, Capt. | 1/1 |
| Butler, Capt J. K. | 1/20 |
| Coming, Capt. D. W. | 1/3 |
| Cook, Capt. | 1/7; 1/23 |
| Curry, Capt. | 1/7 |
| Fulton, Capt. Allen | 1/21 |
| Gould, Capt. | 1/2 |
| Grace, Capt. John | 1/1 |
| Hatfield, Capt. | 1/3 |
| Howard, Capt. | 1/13 |
| Johnston, Capt. George | 1/3 |
| Kerr, Capt. | 1/3 |
| Lewis, Capt. David | 1/9 |
| Miller, Capt. Wm. | 1/3 |
| Paine, Capt. Edgar | 1/2 |
| Pettis, Capt. | 1/7 |
| Phillips, Capt. | 1/20 |
| Quebec (S/S) | 1/13 |
| Sanders, Capt. | 1/14 |
| Woodman, Capt. Nath. T. | 1/1; 1/2; 1/4; 1/10; 1/13; 1/24-28 |

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APPENDIX C
Index of Correspondents

| Name | Box # / Folder # |
|---|-------------------------|
| Andesson, Ammi | 1/3 |
| Asa Porter & Co. | 1/3 |
| Atlantic Line of Packets | 1/3 |
| Berry, Judah, Jr. | 1/3 |
| Blakeslee & Caldwell | 1/14 |
| Boggs, C. D. | 1/3 |
| Brown, F. & H. | 1/3 |
| Butler, J. K. | 1/20 |
| C. A. De Wolf & Co. | 1/5 |
| Cann, Hugh | 1/3 |
| Cann, Lyman | 1/3 |
| Carver & Barnes | 1/14 |
| Charles H. Chase & Co. | 1/6 |
| Chipman, Z. | 1/15 |
| Churchill, N. | 1/14 |
| Clarke, Geo. C. (Fire & Marine Insurance Co.) | 1/3 |
| Crandall Bros. | 1/13 |
| Crawley, H. | 1/13 |
| D. R. De Wolf & Co. | 1/7 |
| David Brown & Co. | 1/3 |
| De Wolf, James | 1/9 |
| De Wolf, John S. | 1/2 |
| Down, Wm. T. | 1/1 |
| Duval, E. H. | 1/1 |
| Eagle & Blaksee | 1/14 |
| Eaton, D. R. and C. F. | 1/13 |
| Eaton, George | 1/1 |
| J. F. Whitney & Co. | 1/13 |
| F. H. Todd & Sons, Lumber Mfg. | 1/3 |
| Fulton, Allen | 1/21 |
| Gardner | 1/1 |
| Garrison, L | 1/3 |
| Gerhard & Brewer | 1/13 |
| Goudy, [Aaron] | 1/1 |
| Gould, Capt. | 1/2 |
| H. Mears | 1/13 |
| Hall & Vaughn | 1/8 |
| Halls, G. W. | 1/13 |
| Harding, I. H. | 1/1 |
| J. H. Brough & Co. | 1/15 |
| Janssen, John A. | 1/13 |
| Jed Frye & Co. | 1/15 |
| Kendall, Henry L. | 1/2 |

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| | |
|--|---------|
| Kendall Manufacturing Company | 1/2 |
| L. & G. Adams & Co. | 1/3 |
| L. F. Brigham | 1/15 |
| Lachenmeyer | 1/2 |
| Lennox & Burgess | 1/13 |
| Lewis, R. | 1/3 |
| Lovitt, G. F. | 1/2 |
| Macfarlane, William L. (Counsellor at Law) | 1/3 |
| McGivern, J. N. | 1/3 |
| McKay, S. | 1/2 |
| Marmick, Albert | 1/3 |
| Miller, W. | 1/22 |
| Newcomb, J. E. | 1/3 |
| Paine, Capt. Edgar | 1/2 |
| Parker, James M. | 1/4 |
| Plummer, B. | 1/2 |
| Raymond, James F. | 1/23 |
| Retzlaff & Schober | 1/13 |
| S. Vaughn & Co. | 1/2 |
| Seager, John C. | 1/10 |
| Smith, Geo. F. | 1/3 |
| Snow & Burgess | 1/3 |
| Stockton, S. H. | 1/3 |
| Unkart, Edmd. [Edmund] | 1/13 |
| W. Barter & Co. | 1/3 |
| W. F. Hagar & Co. | 1/11 |
| W. T. Harward & Co. | 1/3 |
| Walsh & Field | 1/13 |
| Willam B. Hatch Co. | 1/12 |
| Wm. Pease & Son | 1/2 |
| Wm. Thomson & Co. | 1/15 |
| Woodman, Nath. T. | 1/24-28 |